खाना पकाने की गैस के कितने डीलरों की नियुक्ति की गई है ;

(ख) बिहार के खाना पकाने की गैस के डीलरों की कुल संख्या में जनजातीय लोगों तथा हरिजनों का प्रतिशत कितना है ; और

(ग) हाल ही में बनाए गए जिलों तथा उपखंडों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां अभी तक खाना पकाने की गैस का कोई डीलर नहीं है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) दो।

(ख) दिनांक 1-10-1992 को स्थिति के अनुसार, बिहार में एल० पी० जी० के 146 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें हैं जिसमें से 30 अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के हैं जो कुल का 20.5 प्रतिशत है।

(ग) नए सृजित 8 जिलों में से निम्नलिखित 4 जिलों में एल० पी० जी० की सुविधा नहीं है :—

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Supply of *Gm* to Power Station at Uttaran,

2496. SHRI ANANTRAY' DFV SHANKAR DAVE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GASbe pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaran Power Station of Gujrat Electricity Board IS NOT Gujarat Electricity Board is not being commissioned for nearly one year because natural gas has not been made available to the power stations by the Oil & Natural Gas Commission. If so, the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter;

(e) when was the decision taken by Government to allocate gas to this power station;

(d) by what date had gas supply been sought by Gujarat Electricity Board from Oil & Natural Commission for commissioning the power plant; and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that gas is supplied immediately to Utta-ran so that power generation may commence ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) to (e) The allocation of an additional 0.45 MMSCMD of natural gas was made for the Uttaran Power Station by Government in 1988 but GEB is yet to enter into a gas supply contract with GAIL which would firm up the date of supply of gas in this regard. Nevertheless an action plan has been prepared to supply this gas after laying of pipeline and development of the Gandhar field in stages subject to the execution of the contract and clearance of arrears of payments by GEB.

Availability of Associated and Free Gas from Bombay High

2497. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the anticipated total availa-bility of associated and free gas from Bombay High fields;

(b) whether the gas from the Bombay High fields would be sufficient to meet the firm commitments made for HBI pipeline; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-K ARAN AND) : (a) The total production of gas in the Western Offshore fields is estimated to be 62.50 MMSCMD by 1996-97.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Capacity of BBJ Pipeline

2498. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND' NATURAL GAS be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the capacity of HBJ pipeline;

(b) what is the total quantity of gas already committed to be delivered from this pipeline;

(c) whether the total commitment exceed the capacity of the pipeline;

(d) if so, under what circumstances such commitments were made in excess of capacity; and

(e) how these commitments are proposed to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The current carrying capacity is 18.2 MMSCMD.

(b) 36.35 MMSCMD.

(c) to (e) The capacity of the pipeline is proposed to be upgraded to 33.4 MMSCMD, and the allocations were made keeping in view the proposed upgradation.

Placing of Orders with the Mexican Finn for Steel Pipes by IOC

2499. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

WiU the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation had placed orders with a Mexican firm for Steel pipes for the Kandla-Bhatinda pipe-line project withoul obtaining the concurrence of Department of Economic Affairs which has led to certain complications besides further delay in the completion of the project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not completing the required formalities before placing the order with the Mexican firm and what are the implications involved;

(c) how long the project is likely *to* be delayed and what is the estimated cosl escalation as a result thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Govermneht with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) IOC has only issued a letter of intent to the Mexican firm for procurement of line pipes under the financing package arranged by the party subject to approval by the Government. There will not be any delay on account of the above.

(c) and (d) As to present assessment, there is likely to be a delay of around 13-*14* months in the completion of the project. The estimated cost of the project now works out to Rs. 1486.51 crores approximately at July, 1991 price level against the original estimated cost of Rs. 917.55 crores at March, 1990 price level.

Oil and Gas Wells Identified in Krishna/ Godavari Zone

2500. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of oil and gas wells identified in Krishna/Godavari Zone in Andhra Pradesh with their potential and the number of them exploited;

(b) what steps have been taken to exploit the full potential of them; and

(c) the number of consumers benefited by supply of gas ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND[1] NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) As on 1-1-1992, 33.69 MMT recoverable reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas have been established in K.G. onshore in Andhra Pradesh. 5 out of 7 oil wells and 20 out of 36 gas wells are on production.

(c) Presently gas is being supplied to seven consumers.

Supply of Natural Gas through Pipeline from Iran

2501. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :